

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Re Sale of Lands Previously Sold for Taxes Declared Illegal.

A Case of Mistaken Identity in Locating a Homestead.

Sudden Death of Judge Amos Morrill—Notes of the day.

Special to the Gazette.

Austin, March 5.—The resale of land for taxes, once sold to the state and never redeemed, is entirely illegal, but done by collectors all over the state. Such land is often assessed in a different name from that under which it was sold to the state, but that does not legalize the succeeding sales in such cases. The title remains vested in the state until its claims are met, and the only recourse of purchasers at a resale is by damage against the collector.

An application for relief was made to the land commissioner to-day by a man who located in 1876 scrip on what he supposed was vacant land, as it was so indicated by the county surveyor. He has remained upon it ever since, and made several thousand dollars worth of improvements. Now it appears that the land which he occupies was set apart for the school fund under the law governing the location of scrip, and the tract which the surveyor designated for this purpose was the land which he should have settled upon. Both tracts front on water, and he wants to swap sections with the school fund in order to retain his improvement. The commissioner advises that a special resolution by the land board can alone give him relief, as the state has no authority for the bargain proposed.

Chartered Jewish School community of Rockdale.

Revenue receipts \$9,000.

The last derrick was hoisted at the Capitol grounds to-day, and the laying of stone will commence in two or three days.

Walker county, paid in \$1100 interest, and sinking fund on her bonds.

Judge Amos Morrill, lately resigned from the federal bench, died very suddenly this morning at 2 o'clock of heart disease. His wife awoke just in time to see him draw his last breath. His death was very unexpected, and is deeply regretted.

CLEBURNE.

The Woman Temperance Union—A Remored Death—Other Local Notes.

Special to the Gazette.

Cleburne, March 5.—A branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been organized here, with Mrs. E. D. Musson as president. She requests the GAZETTE to notify the public that a meeting will be held on next Monday night at half past seven o'clock in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, where all are cordially invited to be present.

The GAZETTE is so universally read here that it takes the place of a Cleburne daily, and the news dealers report a steadily increasing circulation.

A rumor was current this morning that Rev. Chas. L. Fletcher, formerly pastor of the Episcopal church here, but since of Paris, had died. There has been no confirmation of the report, and his numerous friends here hope it is incorrect. He has been dangerously ill at Paris of Bright's disease.

There is a good opening here for a couple of white barbers, and a convenient place for a stock yard and near the postoffice is vacant.

Cock fighting still continues in an intermittent way.

County court is still pegging away at the civil docket, but did nothing to-day of interest.

The water-works contractors expect to get through their job by April 1st. The water-works question will probably make some figure in the municipal election in April. Considerable opposition to them has been displayed by certain tax-payers, and they may cause some candidates to stumble.

The city council made some change in the style of the city hall school building, which will improve its appearance and cost \$500 additional.

JEFFERSON.

A Saw Mill Resumed Work—New Boot and Shoe Store.

Special to the Gazette.

Jefferson, Tex., March 5.—Messrs. Clarke & Boyce, the large saw mill owners, who after their mill had some time ago on account of an insufficient supply of saw logs, which three or four hundred hands out of employment, commenced this morning in full vigor, as they have a very large raft of logs coming down the Cypress river to their saw mill.

Mr. A. H. E. and Mr. Max Rosenfield will establish a large boot and shoe store here in a few days.

CORSICANA.

Colored Republicans Organized—Seeking a Water Supply.

Special to the Gazette.

Corsicana, March 5.—The colored Republicans of this county met last night in convention and organized for the coming campaign.

The water-works company here has given up their recent site, as all efforts to provide an adequate supply of water has proved a failure, and will go to Patterson lake, about twelve miles south of here, to obtain water.

Our people are delighted at the engagement of Minnie Hawk to appear here on the 17th.

LONGVIEW.

Singular Accident—Lumber Awaiting Transportation.

Special to the Gazette.

Longview, Texas, March 5.—While putting up a mirror in the drug store of J. N. Allison it struck a bottle of carbolic acid, the contents of which were poured into the coat sleeve of Marcellus Sparkman, whose arm was badly burned. Being one of the pleasantest young men of the city his accident occasioned much sympathy.

On fifteen miles of the G. & S. L. railway, over two million feet of lumber is now awaiting transportation.

EL PASO.

Death of Miss Fannie Newman—A Small Burial.

Special to the Gazette.

El Paso, March 5.—An accomplished young lady, Miss Fannie Newman, a prominent citizen of St. Louis, died to-day of consumption. Her remains will be shipped east to-night.

The residence of Alderman Benj. Schuster was robbed of a few articles last night.

HENRIETTA.

The School Tax Voted—Lessons of the Fire—City Election Notes—Local and Personal.

Special to the Gazette.

Henrietta, March 5.—Onward is the cry. Henrietta covered herself all over with glory Tuesday by voting a school tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of property. Ninety-five per cent. of the entire vote polled was in favor of the tax. The next thing on docket is a commodious school building. It is only a matter of a short space of time when the much needed house will be put up. The county will build a \$30,000 court house this summer, and the city a \$12,000 or \$15,000 school building, and then we can snap our fingers at the "next railroad." The city is bound to keep up with Texas towns.

The GAZETTE is much sought after here, and in fact is the paper of the period for this people. Coming as it does from one to two days earlier than all others gives it the field, and the extra good paper that it is, gives it the prestige. It deserves all that can be said in its favor.

Our young people, the newly married ones, are settling down now and from all indications promise to make good exemplary citizens. It is rumored that a young widower will lead a young miss to the nuptial altar soon.

Many new things have been found out about the fire insurance business since the late burns. When a man gets a policy written up it is necessary for him to state just what he has insured. The simple word stock will not cover the case. He must itemize all that he wishes insured; must state in words that he wishes dry goods, tools, shoes, hats, caps, and must say from safe if he wishes it insured. The law should compel all the fire insurance companies to pay what they agree to pay upon an open policy, it matters not whether they have the amount said to be in stock, if the company accepts the premiums. This law would make the agents more careful to take risks at just what they are worth, and would keep dishonest men from burning out for the amount of their policies.

A brand-new newspaper is to be started soon by L. Y. Mangum and O. P. McLean. It is to be independent in politics, and as the prospectus says will "Hew to the line, the chips fall where they may." Mangum will be business manager, and McLean will conduct the editorial department. Success to them.

The town candidates for office seem to come to the front slowly. As the Shield has gone up in smoke, and they have no way of letting themselves be known, it will require a greater lot of cheek and lewdness than formerly. No one has yet offered for city marshal against the present incumbent, and from all indications, as J. H. McClure is a good man, and what is better still, an honest officer, it is not worth while to run against him. Come what may the good people of Henrietta intend to re-elect him city marshal. His past services fully qualify him for the position.

A. D. Mercer, proprietor of the Shield, is here. He has purchased an entire new outfit, power press and all. He promises to make a much better paper. May he soon get to work, as the city needs a paper.

Judge J. T. Craig and family are visiting here. Hope the GAZETTE man will find him and ask many questions about Clay county. The judge is sound when the interest of his county is at stake. He will be his own successor no doubt, and it will give entire satisfaction.

The city marshal made a haul lately. From some one who was led to believe that a certain hay stack contained something besides common provender. A close investigation brought to light two suits of clothing, and an old English pistol. The same proved to be the property of B. R. Bunt. They had been taken from his truck that was stolen the night of the fire.

Col. H. Eddy, Henrietta's general postmaster, has gone on a two days' hunt up on Red and Big Wichita rivers. Being a good shot and somewhat Nor'wester, he will bag some game.

United States mail bag from Henrietta to Archer has been removed from here to run from Wichita Falls to Archer.

The stage line from here to Fort Sill in the Indian nation runs six times a week, and is full of business as the travel on that line is brisk.

WACO.

Return of the Fireman—A New Grocery House—The Public Schools—Jay Gould's Visit.

Special to the Gazette.

Waco, March 5.—The delegation of Waco firemen who returned from Fort Worth this morning speak in commendation of the hook and ladder apparatus tested there yesterday, and it is probable the truck in use here will be replaced with similar appliances. Our boys are also loud in praise of the hospital treatment they received at the Fort, and the enterprise and thrift they witnessed. They say, though, that estimate of 25,000 population for the Fort is too big by 10,000.

It is reported that the Cleveland Grocery company of Houston, W. D. Cleveland, president, will establish a branch wholesale grocery house in Waco, under the management of Geo. W. Cleveland, late of the firm of Cleveland & Cameron.

The school committee of the city council will recommend to the council, at the meeting to-morrow night, the erection of a central public school building, to cost \$50,000, and several new ward schools; also that the present school tax of one cent of one per cent. be maintained for another year. Five additional teachers are to be employed at once in the schools, to be appointed at a competitive examination next Tuesday. Our public schools were never so prosperous and popular as now.

Local capitalists here will shortly organize a live stock company, with headquarters at Waco, with \$100,000 capital stock.

Two county convicts escaped from the county convict farm last night, with their shackles on. They were recaptured about noon to-day a few miles from the city.

Pacific railroad officials have advised that Jay Gould will visit the state next week and stop at Fort Worth, Waco and other points.

Sents for the Minnie Hawk concert are placed on sale to-day and went like hot cakes, at 25¢ apiece.

Southern Pacific Washouts.

Los Angeles, March 5.—Several miles of the Southern Pacific have washed out on the Colorado desert near Mammoth tanks. The east-bound passenger train, which left Los Angeles Monday, is reported derailed at the station and isolated by washouts on both sides.

A DAY AT DALLAS.

Progress of the Baum Trial—Testimony of Harry Conmack.

Special to the Gazette.

Dallas, March 5.—The most important testimony developed yet in the Baum trial was that of Harry Conmack brother of Morgan Conmack, one of the indicted parties to the swindle. His evidence to-day showed that Baum went to Fort Worth ten days before the arrest of Easton and Conmack, and in conversation with witnesses expressed much solicitude for their final escape, and desired witness to go to New Orleans to find out where Morgan Conmack was, so that he could notify him of the indictments pending against them.

Further information received from Chicago today says the case of Messrs. Wylie, Williams, Boudinot and Caldwell against the Anglo-American Land Claim association for \$52,000 was argued a week and decided for defendants on a technicality, but that the case has been appealed.

A cocking main begins on Monday night, to last four days, and birds from different parts of the state are expected to be present.

Information reached here to-night that nearly a mile of Crandall's big pasture fence in Kaufman county was badly cut on Monday night. No clew as to the cutters.

PARIS.

New Churches—Runaway Accident—A Family Poisoned.

Special to the Gazette.

Paris, March 5.—The building boom is commencing in good earnest. Quite a number of brick stores will be erected at once. The private residences to be built during this summer will add materially to the beauty of our city. There will also be two, and perhaps three new churches built during the year. The Methodist Episcopal, South, own some very valuable property, by the sale of which they can create a fund of \$5,000 or \$6,000, and adding to this about \$7,000 more, they intend to build a fine house of worship as a centennial offering. The Cumberland Presbyterians have the plan for an elegant structure of brick, which they are determined to put into material form during the year. The Episcopalians are negotiating for the sale of their church property, and expect at an early date to erect a building worthy of their cause.

Quite a serious runaway occurred yesterday. While Mr. Bates was driving a fine Kentucky mare to a sulky she commenced kicking, the first kick striking the driver on the right arm, breaking both bones, and throwing him from the sulky. After dragging him a short distance she broke loose from him and ran away. The broken limb was set by Drs. Hooke and Rush.

The family of A. E. Boyd, editor of the North Star, was sick from poisoning. The physician is unable at present to locate the trouble. No immediate danger is anticipated.

Col. H. M. Couch was buried yesterday afternoon at Evergreen cemetery. At a meeting of the Phoenix Fire company last night, Capt. O. C. Connor was re-elected chief of the fire department, Julius Rebeck chief secretary and T. D. Craig treasurer.

GALVESTON.

A Cotton Exchange Meeting Called—Prospect of a Premium on Gold.

Galveston, March 5.—The following notice was bulletined to-day at the cotton exchange:

Pursuant to a request of ten members a great meeting of the exchange is called for Saturday, March 5th, for consideration of a premium on gold, and also of a bill for the purpose of suspending the coinage of silver.

A letter from Schumaker & Co. of New York to Laure & Co. of Galveston says: "A subject which attracts considerable attention in financial circles is the possibility of a gold premium in the near future, a result almost inevitable if gold should be shipped from here in large quantities, and silver should continue to be coined as heretofore. Already calls on gold are sought for the balance of the year at 100 and a premium of one-fourth per cent. is said to be offered for such privilege. Under the circumstances, we have concluded to stipulate for payment in gold for contracts of exchange, both for immediate and for future delivery, as we consider the situation serious enough to call for this measure."

TEXARKANA.

The City Election Looking Warm in Both States—Outlook for the Candidates.

Special to the Gazette.

Texarkana, Ark., March 5.—As the day for holding the city election approaches, the interest on both sides of the town wakes warm. The Texas side is electing a mayor and two aldermen, while Arkansas will elect a full ticket. Mayor Ghio on the Texan side, after announcing his purpose to retire, having served three consecutive terms, has yielded to the solicitations of friends and will again undoubtedly be elected. On the Arkansas side, the race is between Foster and ex-Mayor W. G. Cook, with chances about equally divided. The race for recorder on the Arkansas side will also be hotly contested between the present incumbent, W. B. Weeks, and H. W. Lutz. The fight for city attorney will be between H. L. Grigsby and W. H. Arnold, with chances favoring the former. The interest is as great as though a presidential candidate were on hand.

CORPUS CHRISTI.

The Merchants and Wool-growers in Convention—A Prouth.

Special to the Gazette.

Corpus Christi, March 5.—The Merchants and Wool-growers association held this evening and appointed W. S. Wrattler as their warehouseman, and also appointed a committee to rent a warehouse for this season. The committee appointed to arrange for special rates over railway and steamship lines reported that they were about to obtain the most favorable rates. The question of sending a committee to Washington in the interest of a trans-Pass was discussed, but no action taken.

The country in this vicinity is very dry, and it does not rain soon both cattle and vegetation will be seriously affected. All the cisterns in town are getting low.

Buy your wife a Prince Albert chain at Tully's.

THE WEATHERFORD.

The Knife and Pistol—A Street Affray Between Two Citizens.

A. L. Morris Probably Fatally Wounded by Constable Porter.

The Court House Records—The Small-Pox Law-Suit.

Special to the Gazette.

Weatherford, March 5.—A. L. Morris of this city and Constable J. E. Porter of the Alamo district in this county, had a difficulty here this morning. Morris used harsh language to Porter about an account the latter owed him, and finally drew a knife, and cut him on the left side of the head, making a slight wound. Porter then drew his pistol and struck Morris on top of the head and on the nose, breaking both his skull and nose. A small portion of the brain came out, and his physician, Dr. LeGrand, thinks he will not live. Porter was not arrested, as it is considered a case of self-defense.

The records in the burned court house have not yet been examined. They are regarded as safe.

The rather noted case of Dr. John R. MacKenzie against the city of Weatherford for services in the smallpox epidemic here last summer, about which a good deal was said in the newspaper some time back, is on trial to-day. It will probably take all day to-morrow to get through with it.

Judge Hood has called the grand jury together in extraordinary session to investigate the burning of the court house, and make any suggestions in connection therewith that may appear to them proper.

CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

Mrs. Nancy Fiddleke's Flirtation with the Fugitive Tiller.

A Drunkard's Rash and Brutal Deed—Remorse and Suicide.

A DRUNKARD'S DEED.

Cleveland, O., March 5.—Wm. McMillan, living near Huron, went home drunk last night and abused his wife, who threatened to call on the neighbors for help. McMillan swore he would kill the first man who came to his house. Presently Geo. Thompson, aged 19, appeared in the yard, having an errand at the place, and ignorant of the trouble there. McMillan, mistaking him for another person, shot and killed him. Then, discovering his error and fearful of the consequences, he tried to shoot himself, but only succeeded in inflicting a trifling flesh wound in his side. McMillan was arrested and jailed at Huron, and this morning was found dead in his cell. The coroner's verdict was suicide by rat poison.

FIDDLEKE'S FAITHLESS FRAIL.

St. Louis, March 5.—Suit for divorce was instituted to-day by Frederick Fiddleke against his wife, Nancy Fiddleke. She is landlady of the house where Tiller, the Pacific express robber, boarded. The petition alleges adultery between Tiller and Mrs. Fiddleke. No new developments in the express robbery case.

AN UNBROKEN TREASURER.

Norwalk, Ohio, March 5.—M. O. Vanfleet, treasurer of Huron county, has accounted. His cash account is short from \$50,000 to \$60,000. His bondsmen are good for the amount. It is thought he is in Canada.

POLITICAL.

Meetings of the Democratic Campaign Committees in Washington.

The Tariff Question—Republican Key-Note from New York.

Washington, March 5.—The Democratic congressional campaign committee met to-day at the Arlington hotel, evening and organized for the coming campaign. Senator Pendleton, chairman of the Democratic joint caucus, presided, and Representative Post, secretary of the joint caucus, acted as secretary of the meeting. Thirty states and four territories are represented on the campaign committee, these being the states and territories which send a Democratic senator or representative to congress. Thirty-one members were present this evening. The following executive committee was selected on the part of the senate: Senators Garland, Kenna and Gorman; on the part of the house: Representatives Paige, Rosecrans, Stockyard, Stevens and Murphy.

It was decided that the executive committee should be empowered to select members of the campaign committee for the states and territories not represented in either the senate or house by a Democrat. These states and territories are Colorado, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, and Dakota, Idaho, New Mexico and Washington. No other business was transacted by the campaign committee.

The executive committee met upon adjournment of the campaign committee and organized by electing Senator Gorman chairman, Senator Kenna and Representatives Stevens and Stockyard were appointed a sub-committee on finance, and Senator Garland and Representative Murphy on campaign documents, the chairman being ex-officio a member of both sub-committees. The committee had an informal talk over arrangements to be made for the campaign, but did not enter into any discussion of questions of party policy. The revenue reform Democrat appear to be in a minority on the executive committee. Senator Gorman and Senator Kenna are both tariff Democrats, as are also Representatives Paige and Stevens. Representative Stockyard and Murphy were Carlisle men, and with Senator Garland, represent the tariff reform element of the committee. Representative Rosecrans voted for Carlisle for speaker, but is an "incidental protectionist," and endorses the Ohio tariff platform. The secretary of the committee is a tariff Democrat. In the main the committee is composed of the young element of the party.

NEW YORK REPUBLICANS.

New York March 5.—The Republican state committee's call says: "All citizens are invited to cooperate in the election of delegates to the convention who are in favor of elevating and dignifying American labor, protecting and extending home industries without discrimination in favor of any classes or interests, giving free education to the masses, securing free suffrage and the honest counting of ballots, and effectually protecting all human rights in every section of the state."

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BEER IN POLITICS.

Pittsburg, March 5.—The United States Brewers association just has issued a circular to all firms which are members of the association, requesting them to make out a list of all voters in their employ, and also of those who have neglected to take out naturalization papers. The object of this action is to learn the exact political strength of beer manufacturing industry in this country, which it is thought will eventually verge into a strong political faction, entirely distinct from all others.

REPUBLICAN VICTORIES.

Troy, N. Y., March 5.—Renewal county elected fifteen Republican supervisors, twelve Democrats and two Independents, overcoming the Democratic majority in the board.

In Washington county the Republicans carry sixteen out of seventeen towns, a gain of four supervisors.

FOREIGN.

The True Secret of the British Law—Against Cattle Diseases.

Echoes from Egypt—The Rebels of Manitoba.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, MARCH 5.—Nellie, the Irish informer who surrendered to the Greenock police and professed to give the names of the murderers of the earl of Leinster, is believed to be a lunatic.

THE SUDAN QUESTION.

London, March 5.—The porte has been sounding the powers regarding the Sudan question. Germany replied that she will not intervene, and suggests that Turkey arrange matters directly with England. Other powers have made similar replies. In view of this the Turkish ambassador at London has requested Earl Granville to use the sultan's influence in seeking to conciliate the Sudanese.

CATTLE TRADERS' MEETING.

London, March 5.—The cattle traders held a meeting in London this morning, and resolved to ask the government to reject the bill adopted by the house of lords amending the law regarding contagious diseases of animals in such a way as to place great restrictions upon the importation of foreign cattle, or to abandon the cattle disease act altogether. Rt. Hon. Wm. E. Foster said that the sole motive for the law was the exaggerated fears of farmers, who were afraid the live cattle trade would be destroyed, and who desired to stop the importation of dead meat.

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